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Group Art Unit: 3773

Docket No.: STJUDE 3.0-011

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:	:
Peterson et al.	:
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Application No.: 10/813,447	: Group Art Unit: 3773
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Filed: March 29, 2004	: Examiner: M. K. Ryckman
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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR MAKING	:
ANASTOMOTIC CONNECTIONS LARGER	:
THAN THE GRAFT CONDUIT	:

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 15, 2010, finally rejecting claims 1-6, 17-20, 35-43, 47-49, and 62, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: